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Applicants : Wagner

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For : ***AUTOMATED DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM IMPLEMENTING
IMMUNOASSAYS AND CLINICAL CHEMISTRY ASSAYS ACCORDING
TO A REFLEX ALGORITHM***

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 1999, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the examiners convenience, each pending claim is recited regardless of whether it is herein amended.

1. (Amended) A diagnostic system comprising:

an immunoassay analyzer;

a clinical chemistry analyzer;

an automatic sample handling device coupled between said immunoassay analyzer and said clinical chemistry analyzer to allow sharing of samples therebetween; and

a processor in communication with said immunoassay analyzer and said clinical chemistry analyzer, wherein said processor commands said immunoassay analyzer and clinical chemistry analyzer to execute immunoassay and clinical chemistry measurements specified by a program executed by the processor in order to facilitate diagnosis of a pathology for a subject according to a reflex algorithm which includes at least one immunoassay and at least one clinical